

From The President

Another BOOKFAIR is over and from the happy children surrounding the magician and clowns on Family Night to the final tally, it was a great success. Each year it is an enormous enterprise, but the results are very gratifying. Not only is there each year a new infusion of funds to help AAFSW continue its program of financial contributions to the community, but there is the great satisfaction in the sight of so many people, especially young people, eagerly buying books.

A full report is elsewhere in the issue, but for myself and on behalf of the Board, I want to express thanks to all involved. Our thanks go to the donors, to the buyers and to the volunteers who staff the Fair. Our deepest appreciation goes to the core of volunteers who give hundreds of hours of their time, their expertise and their many skills, without which the project would not be possible.

BOOKFAIR Earnings/Finances

The BOOKFAIR money—where does it all go? A new system for the Association's finances was proposed by the Finance Committee and approved last month by the Board.

Beginning from the present fiscal year which starts on July 1, 1981, all BOOKFAIR net receipts will be spent each year, minus seed money for the following year's expenses for the BOOKFAIR. No less than one-half will go to the Scholarship Fund. The balance, one-half or less, will be distributed to local charities or projects and to special one-time contributions such as to the fund to educate the surviving children of the servicemen killed in Iran during the attempt to rescue the hostages.

The other funds which the Association has accumulated over the years will be invested to provide regular long-term income to the administrative side of the organization, where it will be used for programs, seminars, symposia or other projects approved by the Board.

This plan, it is hoped, will satisfy both those who are concerned about the long-term financial viability of the organization and those who wish to see more disbursements for charitable works.

Contributions for this fiscal year are \$44,280, including nearly \$24,000 for scholarships. The balance will be donations to Children's Hospital, Presidential Classroom, Eastern Branch Boys and Girls Club, House of Ruth's shelter for battered women, the Fine Arts Collection on the eighth floor of the Department of State, and the Summer in the Parks program of the D.C. government Mental Health Department. In addition, AAFSW has contributed to a fund to provide a casting of the statue of the spiritual

father of the Foreign Service, Benjamin Franklin. The statue is now at the American Embassy in Paris; the new one will be placed in the Department to mark the bicentennial of the American diplomatic service.

May I remind our readers that any donations given to AAFSW before December 31, 1981 will be of greater benefit to the donor as a tax deduction than it will be next year because of changes in the tax law. So if you are selling a car overseas, or wish to make a donation for an existing project, or if you wish to specify a new project appropriate to the activities of AAFSW, now is the time to do it.

Any suggestions or comments about the financial affairs of AAFSW may be directed to the Finance Committee.

Patricia Ryan

Presidential Classroom Helps Students Study Government

As part of AAFSW's community relations projects, three high school students of the Eastern Branch Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington were able to attend the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans last winter. AAFSW-sponsored students are presently being chosen for the 1982 Classrooms by the Club's Women's Auxiliary.

The Presidential Classroom is a week-long intensive study program about the U.S. government for high school juniors or seniors. The program was started in 1968 by cabinet wives as a way to help inner city youngsters after the Washington, D.C. racial riots. In 1981, approximately 400 students from various communities around the country attended one of the four Classrooms, which consist of 15 formal seminars on the three branches of government and on-site briefings at various private and government agencies, including the Department of State.

Like other private organizations which contribute to the Classroom, such as the League of Women Voters and the Kiwanis clubs, AAFSW feels that it is a chance for students to understand and learn about their government first-hand.

Foreign Service overseas communities can also gather funds to send students to this program. (Transportation would be an added cost.) Muriel Hanson, Community Relations Chairman, advises anyone interested in starting such a sponsorship to contact Cynthia Hearn, Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, P.O. Box 19084, Washington, D.C. 20036. Communities can

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Sen. Mathias Recognizes Foreign Service Wives

The following statements by Sen. Mathias of Maryland were made during the confirmation hearings on September 21, 1981 of Ambassador Hartman. The Newsletter is printing this section of the hearing transcripts so that our readers can enjoy the compliments!

Senator Mathias:

"In the last several years there has been what I think is an appropriate emphasis on the wives of diplomatic officers. Perhaps in this age it would be better to say spouses, but in the case at hand it is a wife. We in the United States expect diplomatic couples to go abroad and to serve as a team. We give very little recognition to the success of wives or spouses and to the contribution of wives and spouses to the success of the team. I think it takes nothing away from Ambassador Hartman's extraordinary service as a diplomat to recognize the fact that his wife has been an important part of the Hartman team."

Ambassador Hartman:

"Senator, if I could interrupt, my wife is here today. I would like to echo that feeling. I would also like to ask you, as you discuss State Department administration with my State Department leaders, to express that view, because I have just run into, even in the last few days, what I consider to be a lack of recognition of the role that wives play. They are really unpaid employees of the State Department.

"I think it would be a good idea for the Congress to recognize that role."

Senator Mathias:

"Well, I take this opportunity not only to thank Donna Hartman for what she has done for the people of the United States but really through her to recognize all diplomatic wives.

"Diplomacy is a hard life and unhappily it is getting harder. I don't think the Congress always does fully appreciate that fact. We have taken some small steps to recognize the strains on families. We have authorized, for example, two trips a year for children now who are in school in the United States. Things of that kind I hope will be evidence that the Congress does appreciate what a family contributes in addition to what a diplomatic officer alone contributes.

"I have observed before and will take this opportunity to repeat that I think Arthur Hartman has been one of the most popular representatives of the United States in Paris since Benjamin Franklin. But he has an advantage which Benjamin Franklin did not have. That is, he has a wife, Donna. So that makes the team the most popular one."